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The reply filed on April 3, 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): for failure to elect a specific contact material in Claims 4-7. The election of 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium xylene sulfonate is not among the species listed in the claims. Applicant must elect a specific anion component for claims 10, 11, 12, 14, 37, 38, 39, 41, 46, 47, 48, 50, 55; a specific cation component for claims 15, 16, 42, 43, 51, 52; a specific ionic liquid for claims 17, 44, 53, 54; a specific lignin-containing material for claim 22. The elections are not among the choices listed in the claims. If Applicant would like to elect the specific chemicals as listed in the election remarks, then Applicant must amend the claims to reflect the species as elected. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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